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(b) whether the building was asked for the use of the First-class Bench Court, and with what result; and

(c) whether the First-class Bench Court is occupying a rented building, what monthly rent it pays and since when?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information but have called for it.

Prisons and Prisoners

Sleeping accommodation for 'A' class prisoners in the Vellore Central Jail.

* 599 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that 'A' class prisoners in the Vellore Central Jail were allowed last year to sleep on the verandas, as the rooms were hot and so could not be locked up;

(*b*) whether it was the Inspector-General of Prisons who inspected the jail and recommended the sleeping of 'A' class prisoners on the verandas;

(*c*) whether the 'A' class prisoners are now locked up in their rooms at night; and

(*d*) if so, for what reasons the privilege is now denied to them and on whose instructions?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The information has been called for.

Milk and bread diet for 'A' and 'B' class prisoners during nights.

* 600 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkaveeu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that such of the 'A' and 'B' class prisoners who are not accustomed to rice diet in the nights were allowed to have bread and milk diet;

(*b*) whether the above arrangement has now been given up and the prisoners asked to take rice diet;

(*c*) if so, why the bread and milk diet in the nights is discontinued and for how long; and

(*d*) whether the health of such prisoners has been seriously injured thereby?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The information has been called for.

Irrigation

Estimates for a channel to connect the Cuddapah-Kurnool canal with the Cumbum tank.

* 601 *Q.*—S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any estimates were prepared to dig a channel to connect the Cuddapah-Kurnool canal with the Cumbum tank;

(*b*) if so, what was the estimated cost of undertaking the above work and what is the approximate distance from the said canal to the tank basin; and

(*c*) whether levels permit the possibility of undertaking the work and what will be the approximate cost for investigating the same?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The first portion of the question does not arise. The shortest distance between the canal and the tank is about 30 miles.

(*c*) No.

Investigation into the feasibility of connecting the Cumbum tank with the Kurnool-Cuddapah canal.

* 602 *Q.*—S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government at any time investigated the feasibility of connecting the Cumbum tank with the Kurnool-Cuddapah canal?

A.—No.

Land Revenue Administration

Represntations from the ryots of Goomsur taluk for alteration of the kistbandi.

* 603 *Q.*—Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations were made by the ryots of Goomsur taluk in Ganjam district for alteration of kistbandi to—

(i) the Government,

(ii) the Board of Revenue,

(iii) the District Collector of Ganjam;

(*b*) the orders passed on such representations; and

(*c*) when paddy is harvested in Goomsur taluk of the Ganjam district and becomes ready for the market?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 749 on 23rd March 1933. Since then, certain representations on the subject were received by the Government. In some of them, it was stated that representations had been made to the Collector in the matter. As the Government decided in June 1932 that no alteration in the kistbandi of the Ganjam district was necessary, no action was taken on these representations.

(*c*) The Government have no precise information as to the date of harvest in Goomsur taluk in particular; but the District Manual gives November as the date of the paddy harvest in Ganjam generally.